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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend despite the bitterly cold weather!

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS: This week in EYFS we have been reading the story of Three Little Pigs. We have investigated different materials to see why it was so easy for the straw and stick houses to blow down. We also talked about whether Lego or bricks would be the best construction materials to build the brick house for the third little pig and we had great fun knocking them down safely! In Maths, we have been weighing different objects to see which are light and which are heavy. We were also surprised to find that we could fit 13 tiny objects inside a matchbox.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1/2 the children have been finding out all about Ernest Shackleton and his expeditions across the Antarctic. They have learnt lots of facts about his life including Mrs Chippy the cat! We have completed some observational drawings of leaves linked to our topic on Charles Rennie Mackintosh. The children are very excited to be learning about wheeled vehicles in DT and have lots of ideas about what they would like to make. In PSHE this week we discussed and looked at chores around the homes and I am so pleased that the children say they all clean their rooms, put away their clothes and some even clean the toilets! Amazing.

Year 3 and 4: This week we were surprised to find a mystery bag full of zoo related documents, maps and animals in it in our classroom! We have used this mystery bag to further explore discussion texts and we have been busy compiling a range of arguments for and against animals being kept in zoos in preparation to write our own balanced argument around this subject. In Science



we have enjoyed learning about how light travels and enjoyed exploring this further by reflecting light with mirrors to play a target game!

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been finding out about Switzerland in our Geography lesson. We have been learning about the physical features of the country, how to locate it in the world and the capital city.

Wednesday 1st February

It has been announced that Wednesday 1st February is a strike day for teachers in the NEU union. School will be open as normal.

Clubs

Clubs start this week and finish week ending the 17th March. Please note, there are no clubs the week of parent's evening.

Parent / Teacher / Child consultations

Parent / Teacher / Child consultations are being held week commencing the 6th February. Requests for date and time preferences were due back into school by today. A confirmation slip will be sent home with your appointment on next week.

Supporting Your Child with Year 6 Maths SATs

Please find attached to this newsletter information about a course for parents and carers to help support your Year 6 child with the Maths SAT assessment.

Minecraft and Snapchat

A reminder to families about the age ratings of Minecraft (10 years +) and Snapchat (13 years +). There are guides for parents from National Online Safety (Minecraft) and the NSPCC (Snapchat) on the links below for your information:

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/minecraft.pdf>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

Reading

All children need to read at home every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**



PE Kit

A reminder that now the weather has turned cold, the children can wear a tracksuit for PE in either black or navy.

At this time of year, the children's trainers are getting rather muddy during PE sessions, please can children bring a spare bag to put their footwear in – thank you.

PE and Forest Schools

Notice for when your child / children need their PE kits in school:

EYFS: Please have PE kit in school every day

Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Monday and Wednesday (swimming starting 11th January)

Year 5 and 6: Wednesday and Friday

Forest Schools

All the children in school will be undertaking Forest Schools at some point through the academic year. Forest School is an inspiring process which is a specialised approach that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning outside.

Children in Reception are undertaking Forest Schools this half term on a Tuesday. Please can children bring into school a waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms and trainers / wellies – something that you don't mind getting wet and dirty!!

School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.95 per meal (£14.75 per week). The cost for the month of January is **£59.00**.

Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- A notice will be posted on the school Facebook page
- An email will be sent to all families
- County Hall will be informed.



Hopefully, this will not happen this winter but I feel it is better to be prepared.

Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.

Learning would be sent home via the class email system.

Bookings for Dandelions Child-care

All bookings must be made by 12pm on a Friday for the following week so that we can ensure we have staffing ratios and food for the children.

Please either telephone the school office or email admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

ParentPay

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is up to date and all outstanding payments are settled promptly.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

Celebration Cup

The cup this week goes to someone who has made some great progress in their attitude to learning this year so far. They have developed their resilience and become much more positive about challenges.



They have shown themselves to be a team player as they support the people around them in their learning. We are really pleased with what a great friend they are.

Keep pushing yourself, you are capable of great things if you work hard.

Well done and congratulations to ...

Theo W!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week's ribbon goes to someone who has tried really hard in Read Write Inc lessons this week. They are listening and looking carefully when reading sounds and using Fred fingers to spell out words. This week they also wrote a super caption to go with a picture of the 3 little pigs and tried really hard to write all their letters correctly. Well done to Jesse!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who took great care and attention when completing their observational drawing. This person spent time to observe the shape and form of the leaves and then drew accurately. This person added depth and shading to their drawing and create some fantastic work. Well done, Mairi!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed us with their contributions to class discussions. It has been lovely to hear this person's amazing ideas and to see their confidence grow. Keep up the great work! Well done to Ada!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is showing perseverance with their learning in the classroom. This person has impressed us with their determination in our fraction topic by never giving up when they found it tricky! This person has also shown dedication to their writing by editing and redrafting their work to ensure she has made it as good as possible. Well done to Bobby!

Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of resilience and respect.



This person has been nominated because they are a nice and fun friend and for always giving things a go and they encourage me.

The values award goes to Rose who was nominated by Kelsey Parker.

Well done, Rose!



Attendance

Weekly Attendance			
Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.			
Week commencing 16 th January 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	100%	96%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2023	
February 2023	
w/c 6/2/23	Parent / Teacher / Child consultations
10/2/23	Break-up for February half term
20/2/23	School open
March 2023	
21/3/23	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park
31/3/23	Break-up for Easter
April 2023	
17/4/23	School open for the summer term
	Year 5 and 6 trip to Eden Camp with Dishforth CE Primary School
May 2023	
1/5/23	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
8/5/23	Bank Holiday Monday – King's Coronation
9-12 May 2023	Year 6 SAT week Tuesday – Friday
26/5/23	Break-up May half term

Mrs Lyon's working week:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary

